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Record-of-Rights

Preparation of record-of-rights in the estates in the Ganjam district.

* 752 *Q*.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the estate or estates in which operations relating to the preparation of record-of-rights including also commutation of money rents under Chapter XI of the Estates Land Act of 1908, are being carried on in the district of Ganjam;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the above operations are carried out now on the application and deposit of expenses by the ryots long before the depressions began;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the ryots have now been requesting the Collector of Ganjam and the Board of Revenue to stop the operations on the ground of inability to contribute any further for the expenses of these operations and that they have not been able to find money to obtain legal help or to meet expenses (both private and public) connected with these operations; and

(*d*) whether the Government have given their consideration to these and such other representations on this question and what the conclusions are, if any, arrived at?

A.—(*a*) Khallikota, Atagada, Dharakota, Parlakimedi, Surangi and certain villages in other estates.

(*b*) Under section 164 of the Madras Estates Land Act, either the landholder or ryots may ask Government to direct that a survey be made and a record-of-rights be prepared on depositing or furnishing security for such amount for the payment of expenses as the Government may direct. Applications were received from landholders as well as from ryots. The operations are in progress.

(*c*) & (*d*) Recently there was representation to the Collector of Ganjam from the ryots of Bahadapalli village in the Khallikote estate that the settlement of rents should not be proceeded with in view of the present economic depression. The Board has recommended the cancellation of the orders of Government directing the settlement of rents in respect of this village. Orders have been issued accordingly.

Emigration

Emigration to Malaya.

* 753 *Q*.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have sent a communication to the Madras Government regarding Malaya emigration;

(*b*) whether it has been replied to; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay the correspondence on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) As the hon. Member is aware, ' Emigration ' is a Central subject and correspondence relating to it cannot be placed on the table of this House without the consent of the Government of India.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the Hon. the Home Member can give us an idea as to the number of emigrants that go from this Presidency to Malaya? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman :—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I ask whether the Government have got any statistics regarding the number of emigrants who go to Malaya from this Presidency? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman :—" I must ask for notice."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Provision of marketing facilities for paddy and other produce.

754 *Q.*—Mr. G. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the reply of the Agent of the South Indian Railway Company said to be awaited in clause (*b*) of the answer to question No. 354, dated the 4th November 1933?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 541 on 30th January 1934.

Irrigation

Contributions from the ryotwari landholders for the construction of a permanent anicut to the Kodaimel Alagian anicut, Tinnevelly district.

755 *Q.*—Mr. Daniel Thomas : Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with regard to the Kodaimel Alagian anicut on the Tambraparni river in the Tinnevelly district—

(*a*) whether the ryotwari landholders under the Kodaimel Alagian canals have been called upon to pay any contribution towards the cost of the construction of the proposed permanent anicut either by the Government or by the local officers and, if so, what the amount of the contribution asked for is;

(*b*) if not, whether there is any proposal to ask for any such contribution, and, if so, what the amount is of the same; and